

Minutes of the OMISS Board Meeting on 12-14-09 (02:00z)

The meeting was called to order by AE9W at 0152Z on 3.976.

Those in attendance were

AE9W
K0MAF
W4UZI
ND8F
N4JTE
KA8III

Approve Minutes from last meeting (October 2009)
Motion by K0MAF; 2nd by AE9W; Motion Passed

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October, 2009 Treasurer's Report

\$5,587.95 Beginning Balance 10/1/09
+ 161.00 DUES
+ 81.00 AWARDS
\$5,829.95 TOTAL DEPOSITS IN

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- 66.00 The Signman - Mugs - KA8III, KA8MMI, N7FUD
- 10.25 Returned Check (NSF) & Fee - KE5ZSL (DUES)
- 22.98 Peter Mann - Award Certificate Expense
\$5,730.72 Ending Balance 10/31/09

Dan reports \$11 in donations and \$72.16 in the kitty for a new total of \$83.16 in the Buro fund.

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November, 2009 Treasurer's Report

\$5,730.72 Beginning Balance 11/1/09
+ 196.00 DUES
+ 60.00 AWARDS
\$5,986.72 TOTAL DEPOSITS IN

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- 48.05 Membership Expenses - Stamps, Envelopes
- 22.00 The Sign Man - Mug - KF5RD
- 66.80 Dan Miller - Buro Expenses
- 38.22 Awards of Praise - Plaque - WDOCKC
- 44.00 The Sign Man - Mugs - WU8Q, N8FV

- 152.92 Pete Mann - Certificates, Stamps
\$5,614.74 Ending Balance 11/30/09

Dan reports there is \$82.16 in the Buro kitty.

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Respectfully submitted,
John Campbell, K5ENA, 4604
Treasurer & Membership Chairman

Approve October/November 2009 Treasurer's Report
Motion: ND8F; 2nd: N4JTE; Passed

Old Business:

1. Net Control Guidelines-W4UZI: Charlie W4UZI sent out rough drafts for the Board to review. Discussion and action follows under new business.
2. There was a previous suggestion to have Awards Manager a voting member of the Board. Comments by the president were as follows: "The By-Laws do not leave room for such interpretation. In reviewing the by-laws, it is clearly spelled out. This is not an item that can be voted on at a Board Meeting, but instead would require an entire review of the by-laws and a 2-consecutive month vote after such a review. (It would also be akin to saying that the QSL manager, the Webmaster, or other appointed positions be allowed to vote.) That being said - I have always respected the awards Manager's input in matters affecting the Awards program - and as such, will continue to invite the Awards Manager to Board Meetings." No action was taken by the board.
3. W4UZI reports that the OMISS Net listings on the ARRL website have been updated to reflect current OMISS Net times and frequencies. All nets now show the correct times and frequencies. They still have the 40m net listed three separate times, for some reason, but at least the info is accurate.
4. At our last meeting, N8FV was nominated for the Certificate of Appreciation and a mug. It was later clarified that he did receive the Certificate of Appreciation and accompanying President's letter, but that no mug had been issued as this was not part of the award at that time. The mug was sent to N8FV to correct this.
5. JR, WU8Q's Certificate of Appreciation and mug have been sent.
6. 2010 Board Schedule. In the interest of continuity, we will continue the same pattern into the new year. If anyone has new conflicts, or a different idea - we can discuss that.

New Business:

1. Greg, AE9W:

a. AE9W reports that John K0JDD has accepted appointment as the Webmaster. John and his team have DRAMATICALLY improved the automated features and gotten everything up to date. (John will post a new list of all of the helpers and their area of contribution.)

b. QSO Party. W4UZI reports: OMISS 2010 QSO Party: 1500 on 13 Feb, 2010 through 1500 on 14 Feb, 2010. N8FV is running it again. Almost all the links on the website have been updated to reflect this info.

c. K0JDD nominated WE0A, Jeffrey, for the Meritorious Service Award for his long term contributions as a programmer for the OMISS web page. Jeff has automated MANY of the features, and has eliminated most of the manual entry data. This has resulted in more up-to-date rosters, PRF files, and a myriad of other info. This has been a long time in the making - and Jeff's contributions made it possible.

Motion: AE9W; Second: ND8F; Passed

d. AE9W nominates K0JDD, John, for the President's Certificate of Appreciation. John has grabbed our sagging web site by the horns and gotten it back to where it once was... and moved it beyond, and into the future. He has coordinated the efforts of many to get this done.

Motion: AE9W; Second: W4UZI ; Passed

*** President's note: The Meritorious Service Award is for long term or substantially major contribution to the betterment of the Society. The Certificate of Appreciation is for short-term major contribution to the Society, and often leads to the Meritorious Service Award in time. (There have been many questions on the differences between these two awards.)

e. It was recently suggested that first timer's to our nets be placed at the top of the list and worked by the group before running the list, in order to get them their 2 required numbers. Some suggest the wait is too long and these potential new members leave while waiting for their turns. While I do not favor such a change - it is not my position to squash the idea before a discussion by the Board.

Discussion: None of the Board Members present favored this idea.

f. AE9W authorized Dan AC0OF to purchase some items to expand the Buro. Dan sent receipts to John totalling \$66.80 for reporting purposes. (The amount was under the amount requiring a formal vote.)

2. Jack, K0MAF: Nothing

3. Homer, ND8F:

a. Nominates KK6AW for the Certificate of Appreciation for all of his work on the PRF file for the enjoyment of all who use Netlogger. (*While NetLogger is not an official part of OMISS, Kelsey's efforts contributed to the functionality of the program used by many OMISS members.)
Motion: ND8F; Second: AE9W; Passed

b. Suggestion to create new award for 500 mobile counties. Homer will present.
Discussion: Homer will work on putting the award together for formal presentation next month.

4. **Bob, N4JTE:** Bob N4JTE moved that we hold a 1-time 40M Net at 2200Z on Thursday December 17th as an experiment to see how propagation works. Second by AE9W. Motion passed.

5. Charlie, W4UZI:

- a. Netlogger will not run on Windows 7 64 bit Home Premium--period! Windows 7 does not support Borland Database Engine software. It will not run in compatibility mode either. This is bad news for Netlogger fans as more and more folks upgrade to newer machines. I don't think there is another program out there that could replace Netlogger. We will eventually have to deal with this, whether Netlogger is sanctioned or not. (Informational only - no Board action required.)
- b. W4UZI appointed Neil, KA8MMI, to fill the 160m Net Coordinator position vacated by WU8Q. Neil has been performing the 160m Net Coordinator duties since the 160m Net started up this fall. He has been doing a fine job as the designee.
Confirmation vote: Passed
- c. Discuss the possibility of moving the 160m Net from 1.865 to 1.870. The ARRL has begun an AM Broadcast on 1.865 during net times on Saturday evenings. The signal is wide and interferes with the net. 1.870 appears to be clear. AE9W moves that a 1-month trial be authorized, and voted on next month if all goes well.
Motion: AE9W; Second: W4UZI; Passed
- d. Discussed the possibility of moving the 80m Net from 3.942 to another frequency. The area of the spectrum between 3.938 and 3.945 has been overrun with multiple, competing stations. We are hearing everything from self-proclaimed religious fanatics who broadcast for hours at a time, to an Iranian AM station--all of which interfere with the 80m nets. The consensus of the Board Members present was to stand our ground and document legitimate interference when it occurs. No move was considered at this time.
- e. Net Control Guidelines-W4UZI: Charlie will send out final draft for approval at next month's meeting.

- f. Discuss the possibility of recognizing the QSL Manager for his dedication and efforts-- something special is in order. AE9W does not believe that Dan has yet received the Meritorious Service Award. (This has usually been awarded to long term QSL managers when they step down... which Dan seems to refuse to do, hi.) W4UZI nominates AC00F for the Meritorious Service Award. AE9W further proposes that in addition to the mug, that Dan become the recipient of one of the new wooden plaques that KOJDD brought to our attention, due to the HUGE contribution Dan continues to make to the Society. (It would look great on the wall over all of those cards!)
- Motion: W4UZI ; Second: ND8F ; Motion Passed.

6. Jim, KA8III: The Holidays listed on the web page need clarification. ND8F will forward a detailed list of Holidays on which nets may be held to KOJDD for updating on the web page.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 8th, 2010 at 0200Z on 3.976 plus or minus.

Motion to adjourn: ND8F

Second: KOMAF

Meeting adjourned at 0246Z